

The polls are open in Brookline on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for both town and State Elections.

When you approach the check-in table, first tell the poll worker the name of the street where you live, then the number of your residence and finally your name. As the voter's list is arranged by street, this is the quickest way to receive your ballot and keep any lines moving.

In a primary election, voters who are registered in a political party only may obtain a ballot for that party. If you are an "unenrolled voter" (commonly referred to as an "independent voter"), you may request the ballot of any party participating in the primary election.

If your name does not appear on the active list of voters, the poll worker should first check the inactive list and then contact the Town Clerk to determine if you are registered in another precinct. If you are on another list in the Town, you may go to that polling location and cast your ballot or vote at the Town Clerk's office.

If you are not on any list in the Town, but believe you have registered, you may cast a "provisional" ballot at the Town Clerk's Office or at the polling location. Your provisional ballot, at the close of the polls, will be transmitted to the Town Clerk's office for further review by the Board of Registrars of Voters. You will receive a receipt with a toll-free telephone number for

you to call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office so that you may find out the disposition of your provisional ballot. If the Board of Registrars of Voters determine that you are a registered voter within the town, your provisional ballot will be counted. If it is determined that you are not registered to vote or that you are not eligible to vote for any other reason, then your provisional ballot will be rejected. The disposition of each provisional ballot that is received on election day is reported to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Once you give your address and your name at the check-in table, you will receive a ballot for voting and if you desire, a security sleeve. You will take your ballot to an available marking booth where you may vote for the choices available on the ballot or, if you prefer, write-in the name of a candidate in the space provided. Once you have completed marking your ballot you will then proceed to the check-out table, where once again, you will give your address and your name. Once your name is checked-off on the voting list you may place your ballot into the Accu-Vote machine and leave the security sleeve with the checker.

If you are disabled you may bring your ballot to the AutMark marking machine. This machine will allow you to privately review your ballot through an audio program and enhanced imaging. You may then mark your ballot either by buttons marked in braille or by touch-screen. Once you have marked your ballot you will then proceed to the check-out table and then place your ballot into the Accu-Vote machine. Any voter who declares the need for assistance may be accompanied by someone who can provide the needed assistance or request a poll worker to provide you with confidential, nonpartisan help.

Prohibited Activities

State law prohibits the display of political paraphernalia within 150 feet of the entrance to the polling location. Signs, stickers, and even lapel buttons are not permitted within this restricted zone. State regulations also prohibit political solicitation within the restricted zone.

